



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

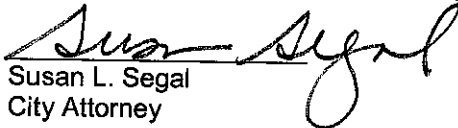
Date: January 10, 2011
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to:

Subject: Authorization to Accept a Grant Award to address Violence Against Women and to enter into Grant Agreement with the State's Department of Public Safety

Recommendation: That the office of the City Attorney be authorized to accept a grant in the amount of \$87,194 from the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, and to enter into a grant agreement with the State. The grant proceeds are to be deposited in fund 01300-1400-Project G3140STOP.

Previous Directives:

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City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- ☒ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the _____ Capital Budget or _____ Operating Budget.
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- ☐ Business Plan: _____ Action is within the plan. _____ Action requires a change to plan.
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ☐ Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact

City Goal(s): Safe Place to Call Home

Background/Supporting Information

The City Attorney's Office (CAO) requests authorization to accept a grant from the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs (the "State"), as part of its Violence Against Women Act STOP Special Project for 2011. The City submitted a grant application in 2010 and was awarded \$87,194. The City is obligated to provide \$32,495 as a match which will be satisfied in large measure by providing in-kind services.

The grant funds will finance costs incurred by the Police Department to enhance their efforts to reduce domestic violence. Grant proceeds also will pay for benefits and salaries of a DAP advocate to provide services and support to victims of domestic violence. With grant funds, the City will provide increased and more efficient efforts to arrest and prosecute offenders who flee domestic violence incidents. The funds also will enable the City to monitor and enforce Domestic Abuse no contact orders.

The term of the grant and grant agreement is for two years. The City will receive \$56,676 in 2011 and \$30,518 in 2012.